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Sutton voters approve sewer privilege fee articles

By Alec G. Belisle

SUTTON - Sutton residents met October 18 to act on a 12-article warrant. This meeting is held to act on language items while the previous Special Town Meeting, held on October 4, was held to act on the budget. Approximately 109 residents attended the meeting.

Residents unanimously approved an article for a "Cemetery Commission Bylaw." According to the article, the cemetery commission would be composed of three members appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a period of three years so arranged that the term of one member shall expire each year. The Bylaw stipulates the duties of the commissioners. Selectman Dana Gravison in making a motion to accept, told the audience that this article had been passed at a previous town meeting but failure to act on the it has forced the town to resubmit that article for approval.

Voters also approved an article to accept Chapter 32B, Section 18 of the Massachusetts General Laws which will allow the town to transfer all of its Medicare eligible retirees out of the standard health plans offered by the town and into a Medicare Supplement Plan such a Medex III or the HMO Blue Senior plan.

Mary K. Connor, Chairwoman of the Selectmen, explained that this article was suggested by former Town Administrator Dexter Blois who told the selectmen that this was the financially prudent thing to do and would not create a hardship for the retirees.

An article to accept, by gift, a parcel of land on Boston Road, was accepted by the voters. The Finance Committee (FinCom) recommended passage of the article stating that this parcel could provide a good source of water for school fire protection.

Selectman Wally Johnson said the parcel of land had no value except for skating or as a water hole. He said this was not a buildable lot.

Sutton Fire Chief John Peterson told the audience that this was a valuable piece of property in that it is a swamp that holds water year round. He said the Fire Department can put in a dry hydrant or use the water supply to protect the school.

A question was raised over who would be responsible for performing the environmental testing on the land since the article indicated that acceptance of the parcel would occur after the testing was performed.

Connor replied that testing was not deemed necessary, but if it had to be done and the parcel failed, the town would not accept the property.

Selectman Rick LaBonte explained that the language dealing with environmental testing is newly added to articles to anticipate future requirements. He said the selectmen will not approve accepting the parcel if any testing reveals any contamination.

Article 4 approved the acceptance of land offered to the Town by George and Elizabeth Popham for use as a drainage easement. Highway Surveyor Ray Smith, sponsor of the article, explained that there has been a recurring ice problem on Welch and Griggs Roads. Smith said that by installing two catch basins on the roadway and diverting the water to a low point, he feels the problem can be alleviated.

Smith, in response to a question from FinCom, said he will go before the Conservation Commission for approval because the situation will be dealing with runoff water. He said there has always been a serious accumulation of ice at this location which has forced him to scrape the road with a grader every few days and dump large amounts of salt to break up the ice.

Article 5, which passed 89-25, asked voters to accept a parcel of land located along Blackstone Road.

Bob Sanger, a member of the Planning Board, explained that the land was a gravel parking lot across from the former Snider Beef slaughterhouse. He said this parcel would give Sutton frontage along the Blackstone River at the waterfall. He said presently, the town has no land along the river. Sanger said it would be to the town's advantage to accept the land because an area such as this invites dumping, and the town will be able to prevent that if takes ownership. He explained that the parcel is now used by Ottman as a parking lot and to allow trucks to turn around.

FinCom Chairwoman Claudette Rice explained that FinCom recommended against this article for several reasons: between $1,500 and $3,000 in taxes are owed on the property; $189 is owed to the Wilkinsonville Water District; there may be some environmental problems because of the previous use of the property; and because they are unsure whether the town can get a clear title to this property.

Johnson said he favored accepting the half acre parcel because this land is at the headwaters of the Blackstone Canal. He said that Snider Beef is now in bankruptcy and the owners are in their 80's. He said Sutton will never recover the back taxes.

Connor said it is important to have the property tested for pollutants. She also asked Town Treasurer David Perry to comment on the cost of taking the parcel for non-payment of taxes.

Perry said that a Chapter 21 E, a test for pollutants, should be done before the town accepts the property. As far as a loss of tax revenues, he said he would probably have to take the property for nonpayment of taxes anyway. Just filing for the taking will cost $750, and the cost will rise from that. He recommended accepting the property if it did not have any pollution.

Resident Larry Moore noted that a vote by the town meeting is not a vote to accept the parcel but authorization to the selectmen to accept if, in their good judgement, all conditions are met.

Article 6 was presented by Sewer Commissioner Mike Morin. He explained that the sewer commissioners are overburdened with work and have many issues, including the Rt. 146 expansion, the Manchaug sewer system and Lake Singletary sewering. He asked that two additional members be added to the commission and stated that a bylaw change is required to do this.

The article passed unanimously.

Articles 7, 8, and 9 dealt with eliminating the Sewer Privilege Fee, to refund payments previously made to the town, and to provide special legislation under the Home Rule Amendment to authorize the Town to refund the payments.

Connor remarked that the Sewer Privilege Fee is a confusing issue. She said the Board of Selectmen and the Sewer Commission have tried to resolve the problems. She emphasized that throughout the process the selectmen "have never had anything less than 100% faith in the fact that each sewer commission member in the past has acted in what he or she believed was the Town's best interest. I personally never felt that the bylaw was administered in an unfair manner," she said. "I do feel that the Privilege Fee itself and the impact it had on some residents fail to meet the test given to us by Town Counsel."

Connor said there has been a problem with the way the bylaw has been interpreted. She said changes in the composition of the sewer commission resulted in three different sewer commissions. She said the problems developed because there was no consistent record keeping. She explained that the problem came to a head last spring when residents who have owned their houses for several years were faced with bills of

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Teach them when they're young

CHRONICLE photo by Alexander A. Belisle

MILLBURY - Local builder Mike Boucher, of Millco Construction, took time to teach his children the techniques of carpentry and the value of volunteering when he showed up unannounced at the Millbury Youth Center last weekend to build tombstones for the Center's Halloween activities.

MBTA and budget top Millbury meeting agenda

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The Selectmen's October 19 meeting began shortly after 7:00 PM with all members present.

Chairman Jude Cristo recognized Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) and Representative Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) who were present along with MBTA Advisory Committee members to address the possibility of the Board going forward on a Home Rule petition to prevent the MBTA from applying an assessment if and when the MBTA's commuter rail service goes through Millbury.

Kollios said past practice shows that such petitions go no where in the legislature. "They usually go into committees for study and end up being filed again, year after year. They just don't get anywhere," said Kollios. "The Senator and I wish to advise you that if you, as a Board, wanted to get it on the Town Meeting Warrant to petition for that under Home Rule, it would be a difficult situation."

Cristo asked what options the town has since the rail line will go through "regardless of the feelings here or what we say."

Kollios explained that $500,000 is budgeted for MBTA operating costs and debt service for communities outside the present district. "That's all taxpayer dollars," he said. "Since 1974 the additional communities beyond the original 78 received the service through their areas without any assessment. In the future, there is going to be a reframing of the formula by legislation. Certainly the legislature, the Senator and I, and the delegation in Worcester, will certainly try to do something that is as fair as possible. Taking out for example the extra 25% for communities that have a station."

Cristo said the board's concern is, "Every time we turn around somebody has their hand in our pocket. We just can't afford it." He said that as recently as today, what the board believed would be a $170,000 shortfall for the town could be as much as $300,000 because of the Education Reform Act recently passed by the legislature. "We just don't have it (the money)," Cristo said. "Every time we turn around there is an additional assessment or loss of revenue. We are not trying to be anti-anything, we are just trying to keep our heads above water."

Amorello said that presently there is no assessment for Millbury or any other community not within the MBTA District originally set up in 1974. "I believe there are 18 communities that either receive rail service or some bus service through the MBTA that are not paying an assessment," he said. "To change the formula and increase the size of the district is going to take an

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Obituaries

Jane Adair Howard

MILLBURY - Jane Adair Howard, 91, of 19 Miles Street, died October 21st in her home, after an illness.

She leaves a brother, Harry Howard of Charlton; two nieces and eight nephews. She was born in Belfast, Northern Ireland, daughter of William R. and Margaret (Johnston) Howard and live here since 1911. She attended Millbury schools.

Miss Howard was a telephone operator and secretary at Paul Revere Insurance Company in Worcester for 43 years, retiring in 1970.

She was a long time member and active on many committees at the Millbury Federated Church. She also was a former member of the choir and taught Sunday School at the church. Miss Howard was also a member of the Adah Chapter Order of the Eastern Star and the Alpha Club at Paul Revere Insurance Company.

Funeral services were held October 25th in the Millbury Federated Church, 20 Main Street. Burial was in Central Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund of the Millbury Federated Church, 20 Main Street, Millbury, MA 01527. Mulhane Home for Funerals, 45 Main Street, was in charge of arrangements.

Thank You...

The Tenants of Linden Apartments, Pearl Street, would like to thank the Lions Club for the Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner they gave us. Everything was wonderful, and the service was the best. Thank you all.
Ann Rano

Another Point of View

Town Meeting - A Dying Relic!

By Lawrence Moore

It usually takes a sudden shock to raise a festering problem from the knowing depths of sublimation to the acute pain of reality. Two meetings in four days provided the catalyst necessary for my rude awakening.

At a meeting of the Wilkinsonville Water District, the vote of those present stripped the District of its expansion and development fund of $80,000. In opposition to the advice of former Commissioners and the Treasurer, and in defiance of any logic, 22 votes were cast in favor of running a water line to houses whose wells had run dry. Opponents recounted stories of well problems they had faced in the Water District, which they themselves had paid to have corrected. But, and here is the generic difficulty, the audience was packed by people interested in a specific agenda. Whether the proponents were right or wrong, justified or not, is not the question. A decision was made that places in jeopardy the health and safety of all the district customers, and possibly the town's fire-fighting ability. Only 11 opponents were present. One of the three Commissioners abstained because of conflict of interest and another was not present. The result was decided by a vote, not on an engineering basis, not after all other solutions had been exhausted, not on a logical, not on a business basis, and certainly not in the best interest of the involved absent majority of water users.

At a Town Meeting, again packed by proponents, decisions were made to refund certain sewer fees. In the interest of "fairness," the Selectmen, with only Rick LaBonte objecting, supported the refund. The Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee opposed the action. Disregarding warnings of grave financial problems in the next fiscal year, the proponents, a majority at the meeting, won their point. Again, it is not relevant to argue whether the proponents were right or wrong, justified or not. A decision was made to disburse town funds to a small group of people, setting a precedent that will surely be exploited by others not too far in the future. In spite of an appeal by David Zimage to the refund seekers to learn more about the town, to appreciate the effect of such a decision, and to become involved with the town at meetings and otherwise, as soon as the vote was taken more than half the audience left, their interest in the remaining warrant items nonexistent. The refund decision may not have been in the best interest of the absent majority, but the entire town is obligated to pay the piper, whatever the cost.

Decisions for a town of 6,000 are made by as few as 100 voters at a Town Meeting. Only when a specific agenda item has a personal impact do strange faces appear. So it has been for many years. Currently, even the ranks of former die-hard meeting-attenders have been thinning. Wally Johnson frequently and justly suggests: "Let the people decide." Town meeting votes no longer indicate the people's wishes. "The People" are absent.

When Town Meeting originated, attendance was mandatory. Through the years attendance diminished. Eventually came quorum requirements, which had to be rescinded because of apathy. Later came Representative Town Meeting, and even then, unable to assemble quorums, meetings were postponed.

The Town Meeting, democracy at its highest, no longer works. Perhaps a strong Town Manager, responsible to a broader based Town Council, may be the answer. Perhaps the time has come for exploring new concepts in Town management, a problem ridiculously simple compared to those which man has shown himself able to solve. A better way must be found. Town Meeting is a dying relic.

Achieves rank of Eagle Scout

MILLBURY - Stephen C. Thompson of Troop 109 has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. The troop will hold an Eagle Court of Honor for him on Sunday, November 7, at 2 p.m. in Millbury Federated Church.

For his Eagle project, Thompson worked with the Conservation Commission to clear and mark the trails and repair a foot bridge in the Stowe-Day Conservation Area in West Millbury.

Thompson is a senior at St. John's High School in Shrewsbury where he is a member of the Model United Nations Club. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, 42 Tainter Hill Road, Millbury.

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Beacon Hill Roll Cali

This week's "Beacon Hill Roll Call" records the votes of Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) and Representatives Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) on roll calls from the week of October 18-22.

TAX REDUCTION (H 5383) - Senate 26-10, refused to bring the governor's tax cut proposal to the Senate floor for debate and a vote. The package reduces the state income tax rate from 5.95% to 5.85%; decreases the gas tax by 4.3 cents per gallon; and provides other tax relief for low income and elderly taxpayers. Supporters said the proposal should simply be brought to the Senate floor so that it can be either approved or rejected. Opponents claimed the cuts will hurt the state's fiscal stability and accused proponents of posturing to score political points. Amorello voted for bringing the tax cut to the Senate floor.

ABORTION CLINIC BLOCKADE (H 2936) Senate 26-11, gave near final approval to the House-passed bill making it a crime to block a woman's access to an abortion clinic. The bill imposes penalties of up to six months in jail and a $1000 fine for first offenders. Second offenders could receive up to a 2 1/2 year sentence and a $5000 fine. Supporters said women must have access to these health care facilities and said the bill still allows lawful picketing and demonstrating. Opponents said the bill is unconstitutional and singes out one group for harsh treatment. The legislation needs final House and Senate approval before it goes to Governor Weld who is expected to sign it. Amorello voted to make blockade a crime.

MORE BLOCKADE (H 2936) Senate 27-109, rejected an abortion blockade bill amendment requiring courts to continue the cases of first time offenders without a finding and without a sentence or fine. Amendment supporters said this is a fair compromise which gives first offenders a reasonable break and deals harshly with subsequent offenders. Amendment opponents said the amendment waters down the bill and allows first time offenders to go free without punishment. Amorello voted against the weakening amendment.

MASS TURNPIKE (H 5300) House 119-26, overrode Governor Weld's veto of a budget section allowing cities and towns to levy property taxes on commercial businesses which operate on Massachusetts Turnpike Authority property. Override supporters said this fair tax will generate revenue to help many cash starved communities. Override opponents said this new tax will hurt these businesses and discourage others from locating on Turnpike property. The measure now goes to the Senate for consideration. Moore and Kollios voted for the property tax.

SCHOOL BUDGETS (H 1632) House 81-65, gave near final approval and sent to the Senate a bill allowing a two-thirds vote of a city council to raise the limits of Proposition 2 1/2. Supporters said currently city councils can only approve or reduce school budgets. They argued that giving councils the new power will help cities come up with the money to improve education. Opponents said the bill will create fiscal chaos. They noted that city councils cannot increase other non-school budget items like police and firefighters. Moore and Kollios voted to allow city councils to increase school spending.

CAR EMISSIONS INSPECTION (H 5395) House 125-18, gave initial approval to the bill creating a new biannual auto emissions testing program to be run by a private vendor at dozens of new centers across the state. The 22 page bill also mandates a new enhanced safety inspection test to be administered separately by service stations which currently conduct the safety tests. Supporters said the measure will reduce air pollution and is necessary to comply with new mandated federal regulations and prevent the threatened loss of some $886 million in federal transportation funds. Opponents said the bill is a burden on drivers who will have to pay for expensive tests and repairs based on federal mandates. They argued the bill will also hurt service station owners who will no longer conduct the emissions test and will lose money. Moore and Kollios voted for the bill.

HIGHWAY FUND AND FEES (H 5395) House 109-37, rejected an emissions bill amendment providing that all revenue from the safety and emission inspection fees go into a separate fund and prohibiting any of the revenue from going in the state highway fund. Amendment supporters said the fees should only be used to cover the costs of the inspections and argued any excess revenue should result in reduced fees. Amendment opponents said the bill in fact reduces the amount which goes into the highway fund. They argued that money diverted to the highway fund benefits the drivers who pay the fees. Moore and Kollios voted to allow revenue to go to the highway fund.

Youth Camp Halloween Bash

MILLBURY - The Millbury Youth Camp Committee will host a Halloween Bash on Saturday, October 30, from 6-10 p.m. The Camp is located at 23 Herricks Lane, off Woodland Street, or off Route 146 North. Look for "Spooky Acres" pumpkin signs.

Organizers say children of all ages are welcome "to join the living and the dead." There will be games, contests, prizes, refreshments, and lots of fun. Parents are encouraged to sit in on a spine tingling Fireside Ghost Story, and all are invited to test their courage in Spooky Acres, "a frightful ghost and goblin tour through 13 acres of eerie forest, featuring creatures and monsters you know and others you'll wish you had never met."

P.O. customer appreciation day

MILLBURY - The Millbury Post Office will hold a Customer Appreciation Day on Thursday, November 4, with guided tours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day is designed for all who would like to see how the Post Office operates and for post office employees to say "thank you" to the public for their continued patronage. Refreshments will be available.

Shaw School Family Science Night

MILLBURY - The Millbury School Connection will sponsor Family Science Night on Tuesday, November 16, from 7-9 p.m. at the Shaw School. Experiments for children in grades K-6 will begin at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria. Demonstrations will follow at 8 p.m. in the gym and include the following participants: New England Science Center, D.A.R.E., Fallon Community Health Plan, U-Mass Medical Center and Competitive Edge. Youngsters are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal for a check-up at the "Teddy Bear Clinic."

Pre-registration is required (Forms will be distributed to the students at the Elmwood and Shaw schools.). Children must be accompanied by an adult. A free babysitting service for siblings will be provided by the Millbury High School Childhood Development Class.

Moore's Office Hours

BOSTON - Rep. Richard T. Moore (D-Uxbridge) will hold office hours for residents of Sutton on Tuesday, November 9, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. at the Webster Town Hall. Moore can also be reached at 617-722-2080 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Address correspondence to Moore at Room 26, State House, Boston, MA 02133.

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Millbury Youth Soccer

MILLBURY - With less than one minute to play, Paul Tetzel scored to lead Green to a 4-3 victory over Orange. Billy McDonald and Matt Padula had goals for Green despite the fine goalkeeping of Orange's Brett Lavoie. Green's midfield combination of Erin Maloney, Joe Dauphinais, and Laurie Mazeika played a superb two-way game. Tony Rano and Jason Gaskell were outstanding in sharing the goalkeeping for Green. Ian Luksha, Jamie Lavoie, and Ryan Johnson scored for Orange. Elizabeth Bojarski and Rebecca Johnson also helped pace the offense and Brett Corey ruled at midfield.

Alex Bouley got two goals and Kevin Leblanc one in a 3-2 win over Brown. Allison Choiniere, Brian Ashmankas and Melissa Pelletier had strong games for Dark Green at midfield. Danny Lane and Chase Milanese tallied for Brown and kept pressure on Dark Green keeper Adam Kendall throughout the match. Danny Garza led Brown's defense.

Blue and Purple battled to a 1-1 deadlock. Andrew Wirzburger got Blue's goal on a fine play while the pressure from Blue's midfielders Alisha Mello, Mikel Rawinski and Sean Belliveau was relentless. Sean Crowley led Blue's defense, thwarting the midfield efforts of Purple's Joe Gagliardi, Stephanie Berlind and Jonathan Maynard. Anthony Fuller scored Purple's goal. The fine defensive play of Matt McKeown and the stellar goalkeeping of Amanda Bryant helped preserve the tie.

Chris Gagnon got the hat trick scoring three goals, and Nick Ethier added another as Black exploded offensively in a 4-0 win over Silver. Ashley Fisher, Matt Berthel and Ashley Gaboriault peppered Silver's keeper all game. Black's defensive tandem of Kaycee Richards and Eben Thompson shut down Silver's strikers David Hughes, Michael Manna and Lyle White throughout the match. Jonathan Harris was awesome in goal to post the shutout.

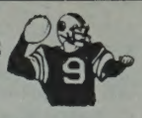
Dark Green keeper Adam Kendall turned back the repeated efforts of Blue's Ryan O'Donnell, Kristin Hebert, Andrew Wirzburger and Colin Johnson-Giammalvo in posting a 2-0 shutout. Alex Bouley assisted on goals by Jimmy Camacho and Kevin Leblanc. Victoria Wilson, Stephanie Belsito and Jared Carlson had great games for Dark Green.

Tony Rano scored to lead Green to a 3-0 win over Red. Billy McDonald and Paul Tetzel added scores for Green. Joe Dauphinais, Laurie Mazeika and Kyle Sudar had strong midfield games for Green. Ryan McKeon and Matt Padula shared the goalkeeping for Green. Red got strong games from Jason Irr at defense, Rhiannon Orsi in goal and Matt Dipierro and Steven Labreck on offense.

Purple got two goals in the fourth quarter to overcome a one goal deficit to record a 2-1 victory over Black. Scott Elie got the game winner on a nice pass from Anthony Fuller, who had gotten Purple's first goal just minutes earlier. Black's Kaitlyn Wilczynski capped off a brilliant offensive game with her first goal of the year for Black. Black's Craig Lumb, Jessica Stachura, and Tom Matherly were awesome on offense, being foiled by the fine goalkeeping of Purple's amanda Bryant. Ashley Heino and Jonathan Salois played great games for Purple.

Orange got two goals from Ian Luksha and one each from Sarah Duggan and Brett Lavoie in a 4-0 win over Silver. A.J. Boucher, Nikki Panzera, Michael Bonner, and Peter Erickson had great defensive games to preserve the win.

Youth Football Results



submitted by Steven Hebert

PEE WEE DIVISION

The Millbury-Sutton Pee Wee Raiders defeated Wachusett 20-0 at MHS field. The offense was led by touchdown runs of 34 yards and 25 yards by Matt Lavallee and an 18 yard run by Joey Rivelli. Strong performances on offense were also given by quarterback Matt Krumsiek, offensive lineman Daniel Karsok, and tight end John Morrisette. The defense, which stopped Wachusett all afternoon, was led by Joshua Joubert who made key tackles throughout the game. Strong special team performances were given by Ryan Matson, Nick Hall and Shane Hanzarak.

JUNIOR MIDGET DIVISION

The Junior Midget Raiders were defeated by Hopkinton 20-8 in another hard fought contest by the Raiders. The Raiders were led by the strong running of R.J. Richards and Philip Palumbo. The Raider touchdown was scored by Tom Sullivan on a scoring pass from quarterback Andrew Krumsiek. The defense was led by Bill Auclair, Jeremy Brown and John Teft, with a key interception by James Banville. The special teams gave another strong performance led by Craig Ahern, Nick, Sullivan, Bob "Tex" Vigneau and Marc Bousquet.

Millbury Women's Bowling League

MILLBURY - Gail Higginbottom had high triple with strings of 107/105/112 for a 324 game. Joan DeSantis had high single with a 124.

Bowling 100 and over were: Gail Higginbottom, 107/105/112, Pat Gaspar, 118/109; Joan DeSantis, 124; Mary Jo Boire, 113; Ellen Bouvier, 111; Becky Rushton, 104; Vivian Joubert, 102; Bernie Lemoine, 102; Bobbee Bernard, 101; Charlotte Gabree, 100; Marge McArdle, 100; Marion Hamilton, 100.

TEAM STANDINGS

PLACE	TEAM	WON	LOST
1	#6 Purple Passions	31	19
2	#3 Blue Bells	29	17
3	#2 Black Orchids	25	23
4	#1 Pink Panthers	22	26
5	#4 Violets	22	26
6	#5 Yellow Roses	21	27

HIGH SINGLE
Charlotte Gabree 142
Ellen Bouvier 128
Joan DeSantis 124

HIGH TRIPLE
Charlotte Gabree 330
Gail Higginbottom 324
Kathy Marble 322

HIGH AVERAGE: Pat Gaspar 100.8, Joan DeSantis 100.2, Gail Higginbottom 98.1

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Kollios Office Hours

BOSTON - Representative Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) will hold office hours in Millbury on Tuesday, November 9, from 6-7 p.m. in the Selectmen's Office at the Town Hall. He will also be at the Millbury Senior Center on Thursday, November 4th. To meet with Kollios at his District office on 14 Sword Street in Auburn, call 753-8818 or (617) 722-2291 for an appointment.

Halloween Party

MILLBURY - Millbury Jr./Sr. High Athletic Boosters will sponsor a Halloween Party at the St. Charles Hotel on Saturday, October 30, from 8 p.m. to??? Admission will be $2.00 for those in costume or $4.00 for those without a costume. D.J., prizes, and more. Have a good time for a worthy cause.

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

The other day I stopped by the bandstand and talked to one of the volunteer carpenters who had an exciting tale to tell. Everything is being done by volunteer labor with one man, "Mac," in charge. He was in charge of putting up my neighbor's garage, and he is excellent at what he does.

Having one man in charge was necessary, as with volunteer labor they would all come with their own ideas of how things should be done, and that could be a disaster for any type of project. I read somewhere in my bible where every man did that which was right in his own eyes and that led up to the judgement of God.

Once they got the structure up, it turned out to be a little "wee wah" or quite unstable. It seems someone knew about a very good architect and when they contacted him they found out he was one of the leading architects for gazebos in the country; there were plans for gazebos all over the walls of his office. Well, he came out and measured up our bandstand and frightened everyone as he was a man in his 60's and he climbed all over that thing. When he was all done and had taken the measurements to his office and laid out the plans, he wanted to know how they came up with those measurements. Actually, what they had done thus far was from a simple pencil sketch of what they wanted. He wold them that they were within seven sixteenths of an inch of being perfect.

Now a bandstand is for the purpose of having bands play inside of it. That means that not only does it have to have certain overall measurements, but the ceiling has to be just the right height. What they had done was get the uprights they were going to use and then took the one with some defects in it and cut them off and took that for their measurements. They came within one sixteenth of an inch of the perfect height.

My carpenter friend would look upward every time he told me of one of the miracles. This has been a real spiritual experience for these men. It was good to have one man in charge, but they realize that the good hand of our God has been in it all as well. Amen.

Basketball Tag Day

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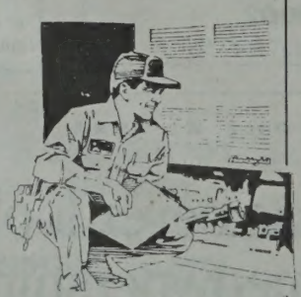

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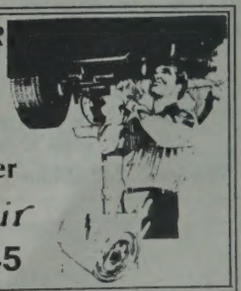

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The DEADLINE for all submissions to the Millbury-Sutton Chronicle is Saturday noon of the week prior to publication. The office is closed to the public on Saturdays but announcements, subscription renewals and classifieds may be left in the mailbox at the side entrance.

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act of the legislature. The MBTA cannot do it by fiat. They may put a line into Worcester and a station, and someday a station in Millbury, hopefully with the support of this Board and your advisory committee, but they cannot assess you or put you in their district without an act of the legislature. Our delegation (Worcester Area Legislative Caucus) is supportive of commuter rail to the area. We are also concerned with a fair profit if there is an assessment in the future," Amorello continued. "There is talk about kind of moving away from the individual communities and looking towards a statewide regional transportation policy. Instead of doing this as individual costs to individual communities, it would become a statewide function and no longer would there be an assessment to individual communities."

Cristo said the bigger question is that every time local communities turn around they realize they are not in control of their own destinies. He mentioned the proposed Rte. 146 project, the MBTA station and Education Reform. "Massachusetts was really the cradle of democracy where the town meeting was the purest form of democracy. But it is quickly coming to a point in Massachusetts," he said, "where we are regulated to death. Even with the new regulations on cesspools and septic upgrades in the future. Where does it end? As a broader question I would throw out: Is local government, or local autonomy, pretty much going to become a dinosaur? It looks that way to me sitting up here. I have been here for 12 years. Lately it seems we are getting more and more mandates. It gets real difficult for us to come up with funds that are unanticipated costs. That's our primary concern. I don't think any one of us are opposed to commuter rail as such. But I don't think any one of us wants to see us pay a large assessment. Yet no one can guarantee there won't be one."

Kollios replied, "You talk of basic government philosophy and as we expand that and our country as being the leading nation in the world and being more competitive than all the countries in the world, you want your children to grow into that competitive market in most advantageous ways. The Education Reform Bill, I think, will provide the resources to do that. The Education Reform Bill requires a cooperative effort, it is not a mandate. It asks that all parties try to improve education and that each community chip into that effort. The State is going to double the money to local effort over the next several years over what it has in the past.

We are asking the communities to add a little more."

Kollios said the town will be given $127,000 more on the cherry sheet from the State in local aid. "This effort we hope will go towards improving education statewide for our children's benefit, this world economy and the competitive market."

Cristo replied that no one is opposed to the Education Reform Act, "but," he said, "now we have to give this windfall to education that is going to be a deficit for us (general government). I just wonder where the money to education is going to go. As a snap shot analysis, we pay our administrator $36,000 and at the high school an assistant principal is getting $56,000, and we are being asked to pay more. Is this money going to pay for salaries or programs (in education)? What it is doing is throwing money at the problem (of education). I'm not so sure that is the solution. I don't know if the legislature in its wisdom knew what the impact was going to be on general government. If we are going to make cuts in this community to make up for the possible $300,000 shortfall, which we are not sure is the correct number as yet, it is going to come from public safety."

Amorello said he believes there was a conscientious effort on the part of the legislature to try and prevent robbing Peter to pay Paul. "No one wanted to see that happen," he said. "As the bill unfolds in its first year, we are learning that there are some corrective measures that may be needed and changes to try to repair some damage if there are any on the municipal side. We are also, as a State, facing possible court cases as can be seen across the nation where it has been mandated to balance per pupil costs. We have tried to do something to prevent the court from coming in requiring us to do something similar. In Michigan, the governor recently abolished the property tax and increased the sales tax as a funding mechanism for schools. It's being done to benefit the less funded communities across the state."

Cristo noted that of the 225 communities that have a semi-annual tax payment, only some 20-25 have been able to put out a tax bill. "That's because all the communities are having the same problems we are," he said. "They have to rob Peter to pay Paul. That's what really is happening, and we just don't have it (money). I don't know what we can tell the other folks in town government if we have to make those kinds of cuts. It creates a lot of inequities. I thought we were doing a heck of a job working together here. In the last few years the school committee, the finance committee and the selectmen have been very cooperative in working out budgets. Most were satisfied and living within their means. It came out in the paper a few weeks ago that Millbury kids were receiving a great education at $4200 per student. Now we are asked to spend more. Spend more on what? Will the quality of education increase that much more?" he asked.

Kollios said the State will probably "have to rob Peter to pay Paul in order to provide the educational commitment we voted. For four years in a row we had provided less funding for education, and that includes higher education, than the previous year. In some cases across this commonwealth," he said, "we had inadequate resources for our students. In the long run and in the final analysis, the courts would have demanded it anyway. They would have instituted the regulations under which we are going to live if we didn't pass a bill."

Cristo noted that communities are seeing the additional problem of not being able to set a tax rate. "Now we are going to have to incur a short term debt because of that," he said. "The other thing that irritated us is that we were not given enough time. We didn't find out about it until around September and we had already spent about a quarter of our budget; that will make the cuts even deeper....We know the voters in town won't support a proposition 2 1/2 from past experience," Cristo continued. "We have infrastructure plans such as sewer construction. But now we have this to worry about and it isn't $15,000 but $200-300,000 every time we turn around. If you add that up three or four times, you're looking at a million dollars. It's a little frustrating as we don't know really where to go."

Returning to the discussion of the commuter rail issue, Amorello said there are some who feel the MBTA proposal will contribute to the marketing of the central part of the State and assist in the development of much available mill space. "The more we can do to tie our area into the Boston area makes us more of an economic entity and, I think, stronger than if we aren't connected," he said. "The bio-technology that we are fortunate in having is growing in Worcester, and the corridor of that development is along the turnpike....We are going to be in the start of the development of biotech in our part of the State. If we can foster that through the link with rail service, along with the Rte 146 Interchange, that benefits the region and Millbury for more industrial land along Rte 20."

Cristo told Amorello he was talking about events five or ten years down the road. "In the meantime," he said, "how do we respond? That's the question." He also said that the empty buildings along Route 495 will be filled up first. "It's going to be a while before we see anything," he remarked.

Selectman Bernard Plante said a lot of time has been spent on the budgets already. "I don't have any clue as to where we can cut anymore," he said.

Cristo said the only area in general government that could be cut is public safety. "Other departments are too small or one person departments that would be wiped out," he said. "The Police Department is our only other sizeable budget. I don't want to be in the position to cut public safety or close this building down one or two days a week. We are out of gas. We just don't have the money."

Kollios asked if the stabilization fund could be tapped.

Cristo noted that even if it could, it would mean that the impact on the town would be even greater next year. "We have looked at all the options," he said, "and we are in serious straits."

Cristo said he would find the MBTA proposal "more palatable" if there were no assessments. "Local control is more preferable than dictation

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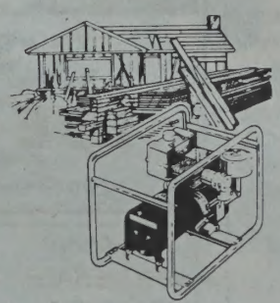

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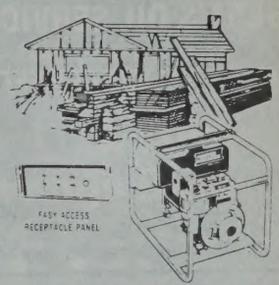

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MILLBURY - Millbury High School Principal Dr. Stephen Mills (center) introduces Senator Matthew Amorello to Seniors in Frank Morrill's (seated) Law class and juniors from Roger Desrosiers' U.S. History Honors class. Amorello was scheduled to speak on his role in the legislature.

Morrill called Amorello a "valuable asset" to the school for his continuing assistance in preparing Desrosiers' class for the annual competition on the U.S. Constitution and for his help with Morrill's own class on Massachusetts Student Government Day.

Women's Fellowship of Sutton

SUTTON - The Women's Fellowship of Sutton will tour Star of The East tree farm and gift shop at 11 a.m. on Thursday, November 11. Following the tour, lunch will be served at noon at the First Congregational Church of Sutton, Boston Road. A business meeting will also be held. All ladies of the community are invited.

Tri-Valley Walk-A-Thon

WEBSTER - Tri-Valley Elders Service's 5th Annual Walk-a-Thon "Miles for Meals," will be held November 3rd at the Auburn Mall. The walk will begin at 10 a.m. and be completed by 2 p.m. Walkers will be collecting pledges to support Tri-Valley's Meals on Wheels program. All donations are tax deductible.

There will be prizes and entertainment for all walkers. To receive a sponsor pledge sheet, contact Tri-Valley's Nutrition Program at 949-6640.

Public Luncheon

SUTTON - The Women's Fellowship of Sutton will host a public luncheon at the First Congregational Church of Sutton, Boston Road, on Thursday, November 18, from 12-1 p.m. All are welcome.

SAC Craft Fair

SHREWSBURY - A craft fair will be held at SAC, 438 Lake Street, on Sunday, November 7, from 10-4. Over 30 craft tables will be featured as well as baked goods and a snack bar.

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Class of 1943 holds 50th reunion

MILLBURY - The Class of 1943 of Millbury High School held its 50th Reunion at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton on October 9. Classmates came from as far away as California, Colorado, Florida, Michigan, New Hampshire and Vermont. Committee members in charge of the reunion were: Mrs. Gladys (Johnson) Nelson, Mrs. Anne (O'Brien) Hester, Miss Carolina Pescheta, Miss Ellen Norton and Mrs. Jean (Burgess) Senecal.

World Community Day

MILLBURY/SUTTON - World Community Day, the third in the annual cycle of celebrations presented by Church Women United (CWU), will be observed in the Millbury/Sutton Community at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, November 5, at the host church, Millbury Federated Church, 20 Main Street. The worship service extends the theme of healing that was explored in the two earlier celebrations, World Day of Prayer and May Fellowship Day.

The Millbury-Sutton Council of CWU is sponsoring this worship service. Lois Karacius of St. John's Episcopal Church in Wilkinsonville and Lois Cameron of Millbury Baptist Church, co-presidents of the CWU Council, have reported that women from area churches will be participating in the service.

Edward Steltzer, Minister of Music for the Millbury Federated Church, will provide organ accompaniment. The Reverent J. Clifford Davis, minister of the host church, will deliver a short meditation entitled, "Biblical Womanhood Revisited."

The collation will be served by the Women's Fellowship of the church. This year's World Community Day is entitled, "Healing the Church: The Ecumenical Decade." The service is part of the World Council of Churches' "Ecumenical Decade: Churches in Solidarity with Women." The Council's declaration was the response of the religious community to the unfinished agenda of the Untied Nations Decade for Women (1975-1985). The service is concerned with the healing needed in churches to give women full partnership with their brothers.

The first World Community Day service was on Armistice Day, November 11, 1943. Its themes over the years have focused on responsible corporate action for peace and justice. The celebration day grew out of concern for a "just and durable peace" by church women's groups in the midst of World War II. At a meeting of denominational presidents and executive secretaries in 1942, it was determined that strength could be gained by unifying and setting aside a special peace day called World Community Day to be celebrated by all denominations. The United Council of Church Women (later Church Women United) was asked to prepare the materials and alert its local units. The response to the first celebration was great, with 100,000 women casting ballots on questions of actions for peace. In recent years, justice, a partner to peace, has been included in the worship themes.

Funds collected from World Community Day will be distributed to every region of the world by CWU in grants for programs benefitting women. All are invited to attend.

Reflections from the Clergy

This week's "Reflections" was submitted by the Rev. John E. Horgan, Pastor of St. Mark's Church in Sutton.

In the Gospel of Saint Matthew, Jesus tells us that the greatest commandment is: "You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, with your whole soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it. You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39). The message of love of God and neighbor is at the very heart of Jesus' teaching and life. The greatest lesson of what love of God and of neighbor means for Jesus is found in the fact that He gave His life up for us on the cross. In doing this Jesus shows us that we are lovable. It is important for us to know that we are lovable, if we are to follow the commandments of Jesus. For if we don't see ourselves as lovable, we will not be able to love others. The reason for this is that love is a self gift. If we don't see ourselves as lovable and valuable we won't be able to give ourselves as a gift to others, because we only give what we see as valuable to those we love. By His death on the cross for us, Jesus shows us we are valuable and lovable, and so empowers us to love one another as He has loved us.

Jesus also invites us to love one another by His cross. In John's Gospel, He tells us, "Love one another, just as I love you." He teaches us that we can help one another by our love, just as He has helped us by His love for us.

As we enjoy the beauty of Fall, may we remember the call of Jesus to love. May we know that we are lovable and capable of loving and helping one another grow in our relationship with the Lord and one another.

Knights Halloween Party

GRAFTON - Benedict Council #2379, Knights of Columbus will host a Halloween Party and dance at their council quarters on Ferry Street on Saturday, October 30th at 8 p.m. People of all ages are invited to attend. Admission prizes and snacks will be included in the admission price of $2.00. Alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase. Tickets will be available at the door.

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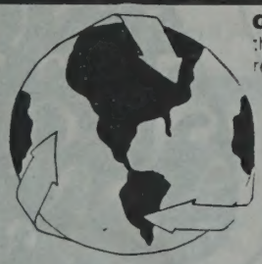

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Call 865-1181 for program information and registration.

Holiday Crafts Bazaar

MILLBURY - The Women's Council of the Millbury Baptist Church will host a Holiday Crafts Bazaar on Saturday, November 13, in the Fellowship Hall of the Church, Main Street at the Common, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Council members have been busy creating many wonderful holiday crafts for that special someone. For those of you who enjoy giving home baked goods, a bake table will be one feature you won't want to miss.

There will also be a "kidscorner" for the amusement of the children while you browse and shop. Lunch will be available, offering soup and sandwiches. Coffee "and" will be ready when you are, throughout the festivities.

Turkey dinner luncheon

MILLBURY - The Women's Council of the Millbury Baptist Church will hold another of its delicious turkey dinner luncheons on Thursday, November 4, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Church on Main Street, next to the town common.

The menu will include a complete turkey dinner with all the fixings, rolls and butter, hot or cold beverage, and your choice of assorted pies for dessert. There will be continuous servings, all for $5.00.

Lunches may be ordered "to go" by calling Sandy Gilbert at 865-5176. The public is invited. While you are there, take a peek at the new kitchen stove which the Council secured through the generous patronage of the public.

Pancake Breakfast

MILLBURY - The Millbury Lioness Club will hold its 3rd annual "Delicious Mouth Watering Pancake Breakfast" on Sunday, October 31, from 7 a.m. to noon at the VFW, South Main Street. The menu will feature pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and milk, all for $3.00 for adults and $2.50 for seniors and children 6-12. There is no charge for children 5 and under. There will be one free refill of pancakes and coffee.

Millbury Woman's Club

MILLBURY - The Millbury Woman's Club will meet November 1 at the First Congregational Church, West Main Street. Following a mini-luncheon at noon, Storyteller Katie Green will entertain members. Co-Chairwomen for this event are Linnea Stead and Alice Corey. They will be assisted by Phyllis Howe, Claire Matson, Jeanne Matson, Eloise Ducharme, Jane Haley, and Nancy MacLeod. Members are asked to remember the articles for the Veteran's Ditty Bags to be delivered at the November Club Institute.

Become a family day care provider

GRAFTON - An information session entitled "Becoming a Family Day Care Provider" will be held Wednesday, November 3, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Grafton Public Library, 33 Grafton Common. The meeting is free and open to the public.

This program is sponsored by Child Care Connection, a child care resource and referral program of Family Services of Central Massachusetts.

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from the communities from the east. Personally," he said, "I don't want to be a part of the MBTA system."

Amorello said that hopefully there will be an opportunity to put in for mitigating funds.

Cristo noted that Amorello and Senator Arthur Chase from Worcester, as Republicans, "have an advantageous position to put pressure on the governor to give us, in this area, funds, as the project of the new interchange is the second biggest State project only to the 'Big Dig' in Boston."

Amorello said he has asked the governor and the Secretary of Transportation to consider $300,000 in funds for public safety in Millbury as a result of the 146 Project. He also noted that the central region of the state has an uphill battle when it comes to the Boston area because of the representation differences. "If money gets into the Transportation Bond, that will help," he said. "If not in there, we will have to try and get something in."

Following the discussion, the Board was asked by Cristo if they wanted to go ahead with an article on the town meeting warrant to seek a home rule petition to prevent an assessment for the MBTA commuter service through the town.

Joseph Bianculli, a member of the MBTA Advisory Committee, said it would be a waste of time to do it, as noted by Kollios.

Cristo, not hearing any response from his colleagues, dropped the issue.

Budget

The board met with several members of the Finance Committee, including Chairman Bruce Arrington.

Cristo said that at a meeting in Boston with the Department of Revenue, it was noted that last year's figures on the Schedule 19 Form filed with the Department of Education (DOE) by the School Department did not include figures for items that could have been charged back to the schools and thus those figures could not be included on this year's Form as charge backs.

[A copy of the Schedule 19 Form provided by School Business Manager Sue Pierce to the Chronicle shows the appropriations of funds by the School Committee and the estimated expenditures by the town. Included in the town expenditures were funds that were projected to be charge backs to the School Department which the State would not allow. Pierce said the total figure that the DOR denied was close to $100,000 and would have closed the gap to meet the $110,000 additional funds the town has to come up with for the schools under the Education Reform Act mandates.

Pierce also provided a copy of calculations of Education Reform Funding for FY '94 which indicate the Target Foundation Budget for Millbury is set at $7,677,289 by the DOE, less the following:

-6,242,111 current net school budget
-1,047,408 Amount spent by Town Departments for education expenses.
-150,000 Chapter 70 per pupil grant
-127,680 Chapter 70 Local Aid

Which leaves $110,000 additional money needed for the town's contribution.

The charge backs to the school department totalling $1,047,408 consist of expenses to education from different town departments as well as health insurance costs, unemployment benefits, county retirement, worker's compensation, town treasurer's office, safety officer, auditor's office as well as several other smaller categories of expenses.]

Chase referred to a letter sent to the DOE and the Commissioner of Education by Superintendent of Schools Dr. Richard Palermo for the expressed purpose of seeking answers to several questions on whether recalculations of figures on the schedule 19 Form could reduce the amount needed for local contributions by the town.

Palermo also sought a clarification on whether roof repairs at the high school, the cost of which was already approved at the last town meeting, would be considered a capital expenditure or a maintenance cost. If a maintenance cost, the letter asks if that as well as another town meeting article for the cost of an intercom at the high school could be considered as part of a local contribution and thus be a charge back to the schools by the town.

A third question asks whether the two articles could be rescinded by town meeting and appropriated into the regular school budget, therefore allowing them as a school department expense.

Arrington noted that the total for the two articles mentioned by Palermo would lower the town's contribution by $55,000. He said the school department is looking for ways to help the town.

Cristo said both Palermo and Pierce have been very helpful and have indicated they could live within their original budget of $6.8 million.

Cristo suggested that the selectmen and FinCom meet with department heads to again review their budgets.

Arrington noted that the town clerk's office and the police department have funds that have not been expended because of positions that were not filled. He also noted that another option is to go into next year's Free Cash.

Cristo said it could put the town in a hole in the future if a quick fix is used this year.

Arrington said the Free Cash will be more next year than this year.

Gauthier asked Arrington what the worst case scenario might be.

Arrington said a $300,000 shortfall. "If we got the roof and intercom articles in our favor, we would come out smelling like a rose," he said.

Lachance asked what will happen if the town doesn't come up with the money?

"The State told us we can't send out our tax bills," Cristo replied.

"Why not declare bankruptcy then," quipped Lachance.

Cristo suggested that maybe the town should just turn over the keys to the state.

Lexington Road resident Jack Lilley suggested that the town seek an injunction against the State to delay implementation of the local contribution until next year.

Cristo said that was a good idea to consider and suggested that the Board see if other municipalities are taking similar measures. He asked Chase to check with town counsel on seeking an injunction. Cristo closed out the discussion by stating, "We have to keep looking for an angle, as there usually is one for everything. We just haven't found it yet."

The BOS met briefly before adjournment with the Cable Advisory Committee who was present to seek a delay in appointing a public access coordinator until a job description can be developed. They did recommend that the Reverend Cliff Davis be appointed to the advisory committee to replace Maureen Belsito who recently resigned. The Board approved unanimously.

A referendum question to be on the town warrant for the November 16 special town meeting was approved with the wording to be checked by town counsel. The article will address the Rte 146/Mass Pike Interchange project and associated costs to the town for added public safety needs and the loss of revenue to the town.

Cristo said he would like to hear from the town meeting how to how to proceed on these issues since the Selectmen aren't getting too far. "Maybe State government will hear it," he said.

Sutton Historical Society

SUTTON - The Sutton Historical Society will meet in the General Rufus Putnam Hall on Tuesday, November 2, at 8 p.m. as the previously scheduled November 1 meeting in Manchaug is being rescheduled. The annual business proceedings will be reinstated at this meeting.

The guest speaker, Sutton Police Chief John Annis, a historian by avocation, will review the developments of the department and show slides of memorabilia collected. The public is invited. Following the program, refreshments will be served.

School Lunch Menus

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1-5
MILLBURY HIGH SCHOOL
MONDAY: Hot Dog/Roll, French Fries, Baked Beans, Pudding
TUESDAY: Chickenburger/Roll, Lettuce, French Fries, Carrots, Jello/Topping
WEDNESDAY: Juice, Submarine Sandwich (with lettuce & tomato) French Fries, Fruit
THURSDAY: Taco, Lettuce & Tomato, French Fries, Green Beans, Brownie
FRIDAY: Special Cheese Sandwich, FF, Carrots/Celery Stix, Ice Cream
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
MONDAY: Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Pan Roll/Butter, Assorted Fruit
TUESDAY: Steak Grinder (with cheese) OR Pizza, Potato Puffs, Corn, Jello/Topping
WEDNESDAY: Juice, Submarine Sandwich (with lettuce & tomato), Potato Chips, Fruit
THURSDAY: Juice, Spaghetti/Meatball, Tossed Salad, Garlic Bread, Cake
FRIDAY: Juice, Pizza, Tossed Salad, Rice Krispie Square

Class of '78 Planning Reunion

MILLBURY - Millbury High School's Class of 1978 will hold its 15th class reunion on November 20th. Invitations have been mailed. If you have not received one, call Amy Picotte at 865-9530.

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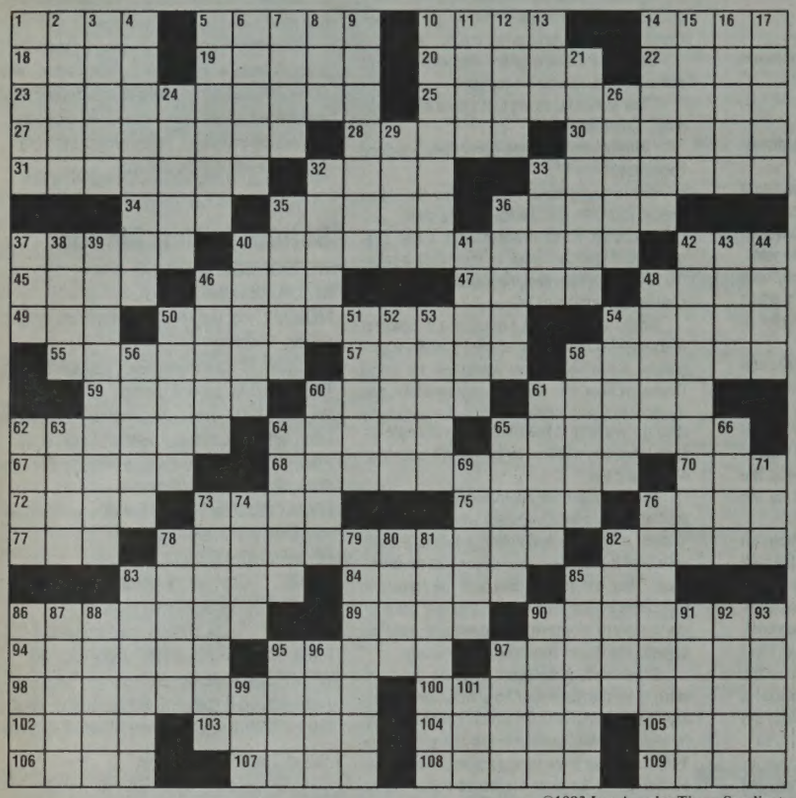

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"WORD EQUATIONS"
By Wilson McBeath

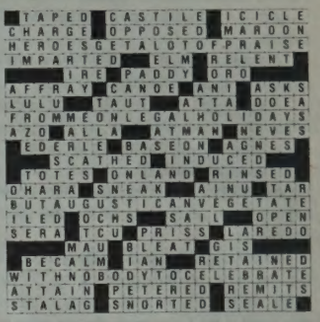
ACROSS

1 Repast
5 Prepare to mail
10 Debilitates
14 Slangy negative
18 A Lamb
19 Down source
20 Of a pelvis bone
22 Bakery worker
23 Wood plus path (Sinclair Lewis' "Cass")
25 Male plus Adm. Nimitz (Vermont city)
27 Infinity
28 Believer
30 Ester
31 Calms
32 Invoice
33 Wove
34 USN vessel
35 St. —: Windward Island
36 Denims
37 Leafy recess
40 Spread plus pasture (American financier)
42 Drollery
45 Young salmon
46 Aperture
47 Old one, in Berlin
48 Pit
49 Pedro's aunt
50 Antlered animal plus courage (Chicago suburb)
54 Style of painting
55 Striped
57 Friendly fellas
58 Battered cars
59 Approaches
60 Tommy's guns
61 Kind of wind
62 Authors Anya and Ernest Thompson
64 Bloodhound's guide
65 "Finders —"
67 Mountain lakes
68 Song lyrics plus value (English poet)
70 Posed
72 Mesabi products
73 Advertising award
75 Naturalness
76 Gamma leader
77 Stout's cousin
78 Part of a block plus enclosure plus valley (furniture style)
82 Anon
83 Take a — to: like
84 Missionary Junipero
85 Cash or sold add-on
86 Kind of jewelry
89 Ancient capital of Lower Egypt
90 Authority on Bahrain
94 Fly
95 Put off
97 Licorice-flavored cordial
98 Gait plus inter (English cathedral)
100 Lengthy plus avenue (Confederate general)
102 Wings
103 Mountainside detritus
104 Roman magistrate
105 Hebrew measure
106 Process: Suffix
107 Santa's helper
108 Editor's directions
109 Roosevelt dog

DOWN

1 Apportions
2 The "400"
3 Sighted
4 Canadian peninsula
5 World —
6 Slants
7 An apple —
8 Alleged male chauvinists
9 Prognosticate
10 Alike
11 "—! poor Yorick": "Hamlet"
12 Pub unit
13 Midwest Native American
14 Persons of Japanese descent
15 Group of eight
16 Golfer Calvin
17 Went astray
21 Sacred tune
24 Join
26 Antelope
29 Author Wiesel
32 Montana copper city
33 Root vegetable
35 Rainer of films
36 Disengages?
37 Liable
38 Sora
39 Nerve center plus ash (Massachusetts town)
40 Blemishes
41 Gets along
42 Season plus tennis unit (J. Wayne birthplace)
43 Anent
44 Kick-off devices
46 Emulates an eagle
48 Union general George
50 Wherewithal
51 Misanthrope
52 Correct
53 Grammatical no-nos
54 Statistician's display
56 Night lights
58 Canea's island
60 Reporter's goal
61 Succinct
62 Portico in ancient Greece
63 Jimmy Carter's middle name
64 Pilfer
65 Cute marsupial
66 Overindulge
69 Dons
71 Sailor
73 Carillonneurs
74 Wares
76 "The — Seville"
78 Inclined trough
79 Tester
80 Actress Patricia
81 Taught by repetition
82 Smallest
83 Avers
85 Eye parts
86 Tropical tree
87 Race tracks
88 Moses' law Mount
90 Obtuse or acute
91 First entry of a list
92 Kind of wool
93 Aquarium fish
95 Like death and taxes
96 Shoe insert
97 Source of indigo
99 A-E connector
101 Lyric poem

SOLUTION
TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



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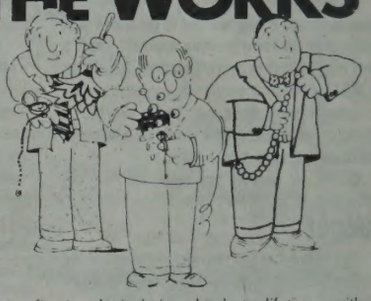

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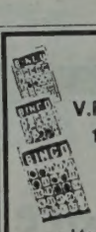

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Calendar

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29

MILLBURY - The West Millbury Social Union will present a wildlife film by Jack Swedberg, noted wildlife photographer, at 7:30 p.m. at the West Millbury Chapel. No admission charge.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30

SUTTON - The Sutton Lions Club will hold a Birdseed Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Sutton Square Plaza, corner of Rt. 146 and Boston Road.

MILLBURY - The Millbury Baptist Church will host a Harvest Halloween Party in the Fellowship Hall of the church from 2-4 p.m. Children of all ages are invited to join in the fun. Costumes should be along a farm theme. 50 cents admission.

SUTTON - Registration for the Spring 1994 Baseball and Girls' Softball Season will be held at the Sutton Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Registration is for all age groups.

MILLBURY - A basketball clinic for coaches and players will be held Saturday, October 30, at the Shaw School Gym from 9-10 a.m. Free admission.

MILLBURY - The Millbury Youth Camp Committee will host a Halloween Bash for area youth from 6-10 p.m. The Camp is located at 23 Herricks Lane, off Woodland Street, or off Route 146 North. Look for "Spooky Acres" pumpkin signs. No charge.

MILLBURY - Millbury Jr./Sr. High Athletic Boosters will sponsor a Halloween Party at the St. Charles Hotel from 8 p.m. to??? Admission will be $2.00 for those in costume or $4.00 for those without a costume.

MILLBURY - The Millbury Lioness Club will hold a meat raffle at the St. Charles Hotel, West Main St., from 2-5:30. Early Bird special 1:30-2:00 arrival.

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

MILLBURY - The Millbury Post Office will hold a Customer Appreciation Day with guided tours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MILLBURY - The Friends of the Millbury Public Library will meet at 7 p.m. at the library.

MILLBURY - The Women's Council of the Millbury Baptist Church will hold a turkey dinner luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Church on Main Street, next to the town common. $5.00. To order takeout, call 865-5176.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5

MILLBURY/SUTTON - World Community Day, the third in the annual cycle of celebrations presented by Church Women United (CWU), will be observed in the Millbury/Sutton Community at 1:00 p.m. at Millbury Federated Church, 20 Main Street.

MILLBURY - The Pee Wee Basketball League will hold its annual Tag Day today.

Golden Oldies Bash

MILLBURY - The Millbury Lioness Club will hold its 6th annual "Golden Oldies 50-60's Bash" on Saturday, November 13, at the Dudley Gendron Post in Sutton from 8 p.m. to midnight. There will be games, prizes, raffles, contests and music by D.J. Joe Coggans. For tickets ($6.00) call 865-9698.

Meat Raffle

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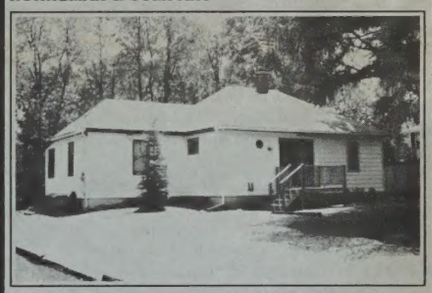

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$1,200 or $2,500. This caused the selectmen to research the issue and contact Town Counsel. She said counsel felt it was not a valid fee because it unfairly assessed residents, because it was not based on a particular amount of money or a particular project, and because one subdivision was being assessed while another was not. She said that the town has never used a betterment fee to finance construction, and she felt this was not the time to start doing it now. "It doesn't seem to make sense," she said. "It's a good chunk of money if we were to collect it, and we have no plans for using it. There are no projects that we are talking about."

Resident Mike Cagen observed that the funds collected were not for betterment and go into the general fund. He said this was, in essence, an extra tax which could bring residents to financial ruin. "There is a better way to do it," he said.

Sewer Commissioner Mike Morin said the commission is in disagreement with the selectmen over the issue. He said Town Counsel said he could defend either side, that is, defend the fee as valid or argue that it was not valid. Morin said that counsel said there are cases which show that towns did not collect fees for 17 years and when they did, they were valid. He said Sutton is justified in collecting them and the fees are consistent with fees in other towns.

"(This Sewer Commission) did nothing except realize that these bills were sitting around waiting, and (we) tried to clean them up one way or another. We firmly believe if you want to have a future," Morin said, "that the betterment fees are what should be fueling the improvements. By eliminating these fees, we are cutting ourselves off at the knees." He said it is his belief that if there are no fees, the town will have no expansion of the sewer system, there will be no industrial development along Rt. 146, and the Manchaug area will be condemned for lack of sewerage. He said that fees are the way other towns underwrite growth.

LaBonte said the legality of the bylaw is not in question and he felt that counsel said either side of the issue could be defended. He said the question is whether the fee was applied fairly. He said that it was difficult for those residents who have to pay the fee, but, he argued, they pay it only once. Other residents in the Manchaug area, he said, must pay to have their systems pumped once or twice a year at a cost of several hundred dollars and must do that forever. He said he felt the fee should not be eliminated.

Connor argued that town counsel's letter also dealt with who owed what, when and how much. She said the problem lies in trying to figure that out. She said questions arise as to who owned the house at the time of connection between the years when one fee was valid and another fee approved. She said the selectmen granted some waivers only to discover that they had no authority to grant them and had to rescind them.

Connor said that in 1975, when the town voted to construct a sewer system in the Wilkinsonville area, "the town meeting made the decision to fund it as a town through general taxation. We made that decision in 1975," she said, "not to assess any portion of that cost to the people who directly benefitted. What the sewer privilege fee does is, halfway into it and now at half capacity, change the rules and fund future expansion through it."

Connor said that town counsel's letter said that the town could equalize the burden of the cost of the installation of the system by a fee. She said the town did not charge any resident for the system, and Sutton is not yet at capacity. If the town wants to expand the system, she said, it should come back to the town meeting as it did before.

Selectman Jim Gvazdauskas said that charging a connecting fee to fund other projects may be held to be unconstitutional. He said funds from the Sewer Privilege Fee have gone into the general fund, and he interprets that to be an unconstitutional tax.

Resident Dave Zimage argued that the tax was not unconstitutional. "The only thing wrong," he said, "is that the money went into the general fund." Zimage said the theory of the Sewer Privilege Fee is to fund expansion and maintenance of the present system. "The Sewer Privilege Fee should remain on the books because if it remains on the books and goes into a fund, this is the seed money that we are going to need to help fund major projects," he argued.

Resident Mark O'Brien said residents were told by a former sewer commissioner that builders were given waivers because they were installing the sewer system and the town had no expense in constructing the system.

Morin said the commissioners honored documents which were produced saying that residents were granted waivers, but the commissioners could not honor hearsay. He said the selectmen have voted to establish a study committee and, to date, that committee does not have enough members. He urged residents to become part of the study committee. He said the Town is nearly at capacity and must study what it will do in the future. "This money would be seed money for a plan to address future concerns," he said.

Morin suggested leaving the fee in place until a study is done. After the study the town can take any action it so desires.

The article was passed on a voice vote.

Article 8 was proposed to authorize refunds to those residents who have already paid the fee.

Gvazdauskas argued that residents hooked up to sewers are charged $170 per year for usage. He said the Sewer Commission took in $73,000 last year and was budgeted only $48,000 at Town Meeting, well below what it needed to operate.

Resident Gina Betti said she recalled that this money was supposed to go into a revolving account and not into the general fund.

Connor explained that most residents have not paid the fee. She said that their information suggests that it would cost the town about $25,000 for refunds.

FinCom member Dave Surprenant said that it was possible to pass the last article and not have to pay a refund. He said that next year the town's debt is going to be greater. He also said there are difficulties in refunding the money. In some cases, he suggested, there is a new owner and the fee may have been passed on to the buyer. He suggested that this would be a windfall for some. He said the town should refund the money to those who have a check to prove they paid it. "I think we're giving back more than we have to," he said.

The vote was 61 in favor of the refund and 39 opposed.

Voters also authorized the town to file a petition for legislation which would allow Sutton to give the refund.

An article dealing with parliamentary procedure for reconsideration during a town meeting passed unanimously. Now, reconsideration will occur only after two thirds of the town meeting approve. A vote for reconsideration of a question can occur only once and must occur at the same session at which the question was acted. The vote for reconsideration or against will be final.

Voters also established a Sewer User's Fee Receipts Account which will reserve monies collected for future appropriation.

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